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THE LEADER

BLACKBURN CASE PRACTICALLY ONE

Declared on Stand He Had Never Received a Dollar for Practicing Before Departments.

AN ACQUITTAL EXPECTED

Distillers Who Paid Blackburn Money Introduced as Witnesses—Negro on Jury.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBORO, N. C., April 18.—The case against Congressman Blackburn was practically concluded in the Federal court here this afternoon, defendant having been examined in his own behalf and defense announcing the close of its evidence when court adjourned at 5 o'clock. Should the government insist on a verdict to-morrow, one of acquittal is confidently expected. Except ten character witnesses, Blackburn was the only witness introduced by defense. He swore positively that he had never received a dollar to practice before the departments, and that the money paid him by those distillers named in the bills of indictment was for services rendered in Federal and State courts.

The government had introduced two distillers, who testified to having paid Blackburn five hundred dollars and fifty dollars as law fees, but it was impossible for the prosecution to get them to state that it was for selling cases before the department at Washington.

Commissioner Yerkes testified for the government that Blackburn handed him a petition with affidavits for settlement of a distilling case, in which his name was marked as attorney, but Blackburn never made any argument or tried to influence him to settle the case. Collector Harkins testified that Blackburn, over long distance phone, tried to induce him to recommend the compromise of the Ace Dinkins case, saying it would be worth five hundred dollars to him. Blackburn, in his testimony, positively denied this.

Frank Eddleman testified that he paid Blackburn five hundred dollars to settle cases of Ace Dinkins and P. A. Davis, but declared the money was paid as general retainer to protect him in his whiskey business.

W. R. Krider said he paid Blackburn fifty dollars, but it was for some other case besides the whiskey case settled before the department, and Blackburn told him he could not accept any fee for that

case, but he paid him on an old case he owed for appearing in court.

On every hand the prosecution was handicapped by its own witnesses, except in the case of Collector Harkins.

The cross-examination of Blackburn was short, Judge Goff refusing to allow outside matters gone into, based as impeaching matter. In the morning it took only fifteen minutes to get a jury, both sides making two peremptory challenges each being made. One negro is on the jury.

DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Salisbury Making Effort to Secure Political Gathering.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SALISBURY, N. C., April 18.—A meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Eighth Congressional District, has been called by Chairman John S. Henderson, of this city, to be held in Wilkesboro, on the 25th instant for the purpose of selecting a time and place for the district convention. Salisbury is making strenuous efforts to secure this political gathering, and there is strong sentiment in favor of holding the same here. There are a number of party leaders who believe the race in the convention will be between W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, and R. N. Hackett, of Wilkes, each of whom has a long list of followers in this section of the State.

Rowan county is in the midst of an educational awakening, which is being led by County Superintendent R. G. Kizer in behalf of the schools. A number of townships have already voted a special school tax, the last election being held in Mt. Ulla last Saturday, where a big victory was achieved for education.

TOURNAMENT.

First Prize, a Handsome Saddle, Went to Mr. Robert Lowry.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MONTPELIER, VA., April 18.—There was a tournament of old Negro foot Monday afternoon. Mr. Robert Lowry, of Negro, was the successful knight, and won the first prize, a handsome saddle. The closing of the Montpelier Graded School was an enjoyable occasion to the pupils and friends of the school. A bountiful collation was served, and music, dancing and games lent pleasure to the gathering.

An addition is being built to the Episcopal rectory of St. Martin's parish, near old Fork Church.

Mrs. Frank Page, who has been visiting her mother-in-law at Oakland, Hanover county, has returned to her home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Frederick W. Thompson, of the Railroad Commission, Richmond, spent Easter with his parents here.

Mr. William McChesney, of Richmond, returned to his home today, after a pleasant visit to friends in Hanover county.

Mr. Waller Moody, of Bandanna, has accepted a position with Carpenter and Boxley, of West Virginia.

Pleasants—Bowles.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MONTPELIER, VA., April 18.—Mr. John Pleasants, of Moody, and Miss Josephine Bowles, of Louisa, were married in Richmond today. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles will make their future home in Hanover county.

FINE WEDDINGS IN WILMINGTON

Brilliant Gatherings to Witness Marriage of Popular Young People

MISS LOUISE BELLAMY A BRIDE

A Former Richmond Young Man Weds a Prominent Society Girl.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 18.—A marriage brilliant in many ways was celebrated in this city this afternoon. It was brilliant on account of the prominence of the contracting parties, on account of the opulent assemblage that witnessed the event and on account of the number of swell receptions that have been accorded the bride party. The marriage was that of Miss Louise Bellamy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, the father being one of the most prominent attorneys in North Carolina, and Dr. Edward Jenner Wood, son of the late Dr. Thos. F. Wood, and a young man who has attained high rank in his profession. He only recently declined an important chair in the medical department of the University of the State.

The marriage was celebrated at 6 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, being followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, on Market street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the church, and the edifice presented a rare and beautiful scene, being profusely decorated and crowded with society folks.

The bride party consisted of Miss Lucy Briggs, maid of honor; Miss Elizabeth Burruss, first bridesmaid; Misses Ann Bell Patterson and Josephine Budd, of Petersburg, Va., and Misses Eloyne Burruss, Margaret Bridges, Maggie Wood and Mary Allan Short, bridesmaids; Mr. J. Hunter Wood, best man, and Mr. J. M. Wells, D. D., officiating.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

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Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Esq., Capt. J. Vane Metts, Dr. R. B. Bellamy and Messrs. A. S. Williams, W. L. Walker, T. B. Willard, Walter Sprunt and L. E. Hall, groomsmen.

The bride was fitted in white brocaded satin, en train, with rose point lace, and veil of tulle caught back with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was a shower one artistically made up of roses and lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor wore an elegant costume of white chiffon cloth trimmed with real lace, with white hat, with long plumes. She carried pink roses. The first bridesmaid was charmingly habited in pink liberty satin, with hat ornamented with drooping plumes and bouquet of roses to match.

The bridesmaids wore pink flowered net over white chiffon, made Princess fashion. Each appeared exceedingly stylish in a picture hat of roses and each carried a large bouquet of roses to match in color.

The gentlemen of the party wore frock coats with small boutonnières in pink to adhere to the color scheme of the wedding.

Dr. and Mrs. Wood left for the north to-night. They will sail from New York Saturday on the Hamburg-American liner Pennsylvania for Hamburg, whence they will go to Munich, where they will spend two or three months. Dr. Wood pursuing a course of special study.

In honor of this bridal party and also in honor of the bride party of the Emerson-Van Leuven wedding L'Arroso German Club is giving its Easter dance to-night. It is an elegant affair and a german is being led by Mr. Clayton Glick, Jr., the club's leader.

Monday at noon the bride party was given a dinner at the elegant South Front street home of Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan Camp. Confederate Veterans, have fixed May 10th as the date for the annual Confederate memorial exercises here.

Commander Hoggard, of the camp, said to-day the question of joining in the celebration with the Army and Navy Union and the Grand Army of the Republic on National Decoration Day, when lies on the navy-yard, was not considered. The speaker for the exercises on May 10th has not been decided upon, his selection having been left to a committee.

Confederate Memorial.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., April 18.—Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Confederate Veterans, have fixed May 10th as the date for the annual Confederate memorial exercises here.

To Build Big Caisson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., April 18.—A big caisson for the new dry-dock that is being constructed at the naval station at Charleston, S. C., is to be built at the navy-yard here. The decision to build it here has been reached by the Navy Department, and it is expected that the work of preparing for the construction will commence at once.

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CHECKS SHOWN IN HAWKINS TRIAL

One for Thousand Dollars Admitted to Identify Signature of Ballantine.

Larger Checks Were Excluded

George Mason, General Manager for Ballantine, Gives in His Testimony.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 18.—John S. Hawkins, charged with blackmailing the late Robert D. Ballantine, millionaire and society leader, was put on trial in the Corporation Court this morning. Judge George W. Morris on the bench.

Commonwealth's Attorney Dabney is assisted by Captain R. B. Ker, the Commonwealth's attorney of Augusta county, who made quite a reputation as assistant prosecutor in the McCue murder trial.

Mr. Hawkins is defended by Charles W. Allen, former Mayor of Charlottesville, and his brother, W. E. Allen, Commonwealth's attorney of Allegheny county.

The Evidence.

George Mason, general manager of the Ballantine estate, Edge Hill, the first witness, was handed checks amounting to \$14,000, signed by Ballantine. The defense objected to their introduction. Judge Morris held that the ones amounting to \$12,000 were not admissible at this time.

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James E. Irvine, clothier, testified that

but permitted the admission of one check for \$1,000, in order to identify Mr. Ballantine's signature.

Witness said Mr. Ballantine was in Washington in November, and that he went later to New York; that Mr. Ballantine was not now living. Ballantine stayed a great deal at Hotel Clermont. Hawkins was frequently in company of Ballantine.

As the witness was about to tell of a conversation he had had with the accused in November, the attorneys for the defense asked that the jury retire while argument was had upon the admissibility of such a question. After argument Judge Morris ruled that it was admissible and the jury returned.

Hawkins's Denial.

Mr. Mason then continued, said he and two other gentlemen went to Hawkins' house some time in November. Asked Hawkins if he had heard any rumors about himself and Ballantine and he said he had not and that the charge against him was a "damned lie." Accused said he had never gotten any money from Ballantine except amounts in games of pool. The defense objected and moved to set aside the evidence on the ground that the corpus delicti had not been proven. The judge overruled the motion.

Maynard Mason, proprietor of Hotel Clermont, testified that Ballantine was frequently at his hotel. Was there about the middle of November. Mr. Ballantine was drinking considerably at the time, saw Hawkins often with Mr. Ballantine. Saw Hawkins often with Mr. Ballantine. Saw Hawkins often with Mr. Ballantine.

After leaving the hotel before going to Washington and New York. On Monday, November 13, witness when returning from Edge Hill, met Duncan going in the direction of Edge Hill.

Walter Banks, colored, porter at Hotel Clermont, said he knew Hawkins. Had seen him in Mr. Ballantine's room last fall and frequently around hotel.

A Piece of Paper.

Harry Brand said he lived over Chappin drug store, three doors from Clermont Hotel. Knew Duncan and Hawkins. Between the 10th and 18th of November, saw Duncan, Hawkins and Michle frequently around poolroom. On one occasion saw them hold a conversation on the opposite side of street. Hawkins left and went into Clermont Hotel and came back and talked further with Duncan and Michle.

Duncan then went into the hotel and came back with a piece of paper which he showed to the other two. Witness said the three looked very much pleased at sight of the paper. Duncan slapped the three on the shoulder and laughed. The three then went back to the poolroom together. The defense called attention to the fact that Mr. Brand had seen him in the preliminary trial that this occurred in October or November. The witness said he had refreshed his memory.

The Blackmail.

S. S. Rhoades then testified he had a conversation with Hawkins some time in October in regard to Ballantine. Hawkins told witness he knew how to make money in a compromising position and witness could come in and Ballantine would give \$20,000 to keep the matter a secret.

In reply to question by witness, said Hawkins was drunk at the time the proposition was made, but was able to take care of himself.

James E. Irvine, clothier, testified that Hawkins told him that Ballantine asked him to go in a room at the Clermont

Hotel, that both were drinking and forgot to lock the door, that while they were in a compromising position, Duncan and Michle came into the room, and caught them. Hawkins said he had not gotten any money from Ballantine. Witness said that Hawkins and Ballantine were friends and were frequently together.

Charles B. Stevens, clothier, and Dr. Roy K. Flannagan, the family physician of the accused, stated that Hawkins made statements to them. A check was introduced on the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New York for \$1,000, given to F. C. Duncan, and cashed by the Jefferson National Bank. George Mason, who was recalled, knew of no reason cross-examination, Mason said Ballantine had given several checks of which he (Mason) knew nothing; several were for large amounts.

Court adjourned at 5 o'clock until to-morrow morning.

It is not improbable that the final disposition of the alleged blackmailing case will be made this week. Judge Morris, when a postponement was asked at the March term of the court, notified the attorneys for the defense that he wished a speedy termination of the case, as continued postponements were derogatory to the best interests of the accused and the Commonwealth.

History of Case.

The history of the case is too well known to need recitation. It suffices to state that John S. Hawkins, Henry Michle and F. C. Duncan are charged with a conspiracy to extort money from the late Robert D. Ballantine by the aid of threats to publish allegations concerning his private habits, which he regarded as damaging enough to effect his standing in society.

Ballantine blew out his brains in his mother's house in Newark, N. J., on the evening of December 9th. Twenty-four hours afterwards, John S. Hawkins was arrested and warrants were out for Duncan and Michle. The trio was charged with having hounded Ballantine to his death in their desire to extort money from him. Michle was absent from the city when the warrants were sworn out. He returned here after several weeks and surrendered to the authorities. Duncan has never been heard from and the prosecution professes an entire lack of information regarding his whereabouts.

The Veterans for New Orleans Leave Richmond

12:30 Noon Monday, April 23d.

The veterans of Richmond and vicinity have definitely arranged to leave Richmond at 12:30 noon, Monday, April 23d, via SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Special Pullman and coaches will be arranged for their accommodation, going through from Richmond to New Orleans without change. This arrangement will only require one night out, as they will arrive in New Orleans at 8:15 P. M. Tuesday, April 24th.

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